(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The organisation is running Centres for street children and working children in different parts of Bangalore as well as Basrur, South Karnataka. Children who come to those Centres have access to education and vocational training.

(d) and (e) Yes. If suitable proposal is received, it would be considered on merit.

[*Translation*]

Deaths due to Gastro-Enteritis in Shahdara, Delhi

3336. SHRI KALKA DASS : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of persons who died of gastro-enteritis in Shahdara (Delhi) during the last three years;

(b) whether any enquiry was conducted in this regard, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there has been any lapse on the part of Municipal Corporation of Delhi in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Literacy Amongst SC/ST

3337. SHRI KALKA DAS : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of literate and illiterate men and women amongst the SC/ST population separately;

(b) the special steps being taken by the Government to increase the percentage of their literacy;

(c) whether Government are providing special incentives to encourage education amongst them; and

(d) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) Percentage of literate and illiterate men and women amongst Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes is not available as per the provisional figures of the 1991 census which have been released so far. However, as per the census data of 1981, the literacy rates amongst them (for all age groups) were as under :

SC/ST	Persons	Male	Female
Scheduled Caste	21.38	31.12	10.93
Scheduled Tribes	16.35	24.52	8.04

(b) Universalisation of elementary education for School drop-outs and schools of children up to the 14 years of age, a programme of non-formal education for School dropouts and working children in 10 educationally backward States and the National Literacy Mission which aims at imparting functional literacy to 80 millions adult illiterates in the 15—35 age-group by 1995 form an integral part